

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Times of budget shortfalls necessitate the implementation of flexibility to ensure efficient and effective provisions of services. Currently, there is a duplicity of effort between the Division of Purchasing and university purchasing departments. The proposed legislation expands the definition of agency to include universities and colleges. Furthermore, the concept of open contract is defined and referenced in a proposed addition to Title 67 Chapter 57.

This new section directs universities and colleges to have sole discretion relating to purchasing, under the direction of the State Board of Education, on all items not relating to statewide contracts. In the event that the state enters into open contracts, all universities and colleges will defer to the Division of Purchasing, unless exemption is granted.

This proposed legislation promotes the proper role of government by delegating purchasing duties based on the standards proposed in this bill.

To ensure this proposed change is successful, a sunset clause has been included to provide the opportunity for review of the process after three years.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact to the General Fund. However, the proposed legislation should provide a net savings to universities and colleges due to the reduction in duplicity of effort.

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